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Headline: YVEA Update on Flooding Impacts in Hayden area

Due to rapid snow melt, local communities are experiencing flooding in Routt and Moffat Counties. Yampa Valley Electric Association is in constant contact with Routt and Moffat Emergency Management Agencies. We are working closely with them to evaluate any emergencies that may arise due to this flooding. Due to this flooding, some of YVEA's equipment is partially or entirely submerged underwater. While our equipment is designed to withstand these flooding conditions, we ask all members to stay away from partially or fully submerged equipment and electrical poles where water is rushing around the base. We are also asking members not to approach our crews while working. Our crews need all of their focus to be on restoration and safety, and they should not be asked when the estimated restoration time is or approached with any questions. If members have questions about outages or restoration times, it is best to call us at 970-879-1160.

Travel in these locations is not advised. We recommend all members look to emergency management or the Colorado Department of Transportation for alternate routes and the most up-to-date road closures. There is a sandbag station at the Hayden Police Station for community members who need sandbags. Hayden Center is the current emergency shelter location. If you need to evacuate and don't have a place to go, please call 911 or 970-276-3714 during regular business hours for assistance. We would also like to recommend that members sign up for emergency alerts and follow the Town of Hayden on Facebook for the most up-to-date information.

As of 9:30 am on Thursday, April 13th, YVEA is not reporting outages due to the flooding. However, members in the areas of the flooding should be prepared in case of an emergency outage situation, which there is always a potential for. If directed by emergency management, we may need to perform emergency outages. For the latest on outages, members can follow YVEA on Facebook www.yvea.com Our thoughts are with our communities during this flooding, and we ask all of our members to be safe during this emergency.